



Charlottesville Swing Dance Society

Swing Dance News ~ January 2016

CSDS' Code of Conduct

(Established 10/15/15)

~ Next Dance ~

Saturday, Jan. 16th

Ivy Creek United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

**DJ/Lesson Instructor
Robin Smith**

(Guest Pro from Raleigh!)

Lesson 7-8 pm

Beginner West Coast Swing

Dance 8-11 pm

Travelers' Appreciation Dance!!

\$5 Admission for those who travel an hour or more to be with us!

January Dances

(Monthly/Special Events*)

Saturday, January 2nd

Rocktown Rocks with Instructors Kristin Wenger & Keith Stremmel
7-7:45-10:45 pm

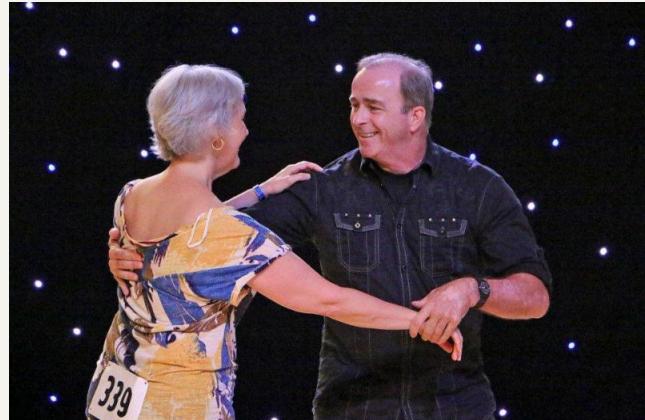
Saturday, January 9th

Stacy's Jam
@ Municipal Arts Center
7-8-10:30 pm

Sunday, January 10th

Kristin's WCS Practica
@ The Dance Spot

Robin Smith Returns to Central VA!!



Robin Smith, and local dancer Judy Benter, competing in a ProAm Contest!

Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing everyone at our first dance of 2016 on Saturday, January 16th, at Ivy Creek United Methodist Church; Raleigh pro **Robin Smith** returns to be our guest DJ/Lesson Instructor. Robin is doing double duty this month as he'll also be the Guest Instructor at West Side of Swing at their dance in Richmond, on Friday, January 15th, and teaching workshops there on Saturday afternoon. Robin is available for private lessons in Richmond (Saturday) and Charlottesville (Sunday); please contact Tammy Davis for more details and to schedule your private with Robin!

~ Travelers' Appreciation Dance ~

\$5 Admission for those who travel an hour or more to be with us!

6:30-8:30 pm

Sunday, January 10th

[California Mix Dance](#)

@ The Dance Space (RVA)
7-9 pm

Friday, January 15th

[West Side of Swing](#) with
Guest Pro Robin Smith (RVA)
7:30-8:30-11:30 pm

Saturday, January 16th

[WSOS Workshops with Robin Smith](#) (more info. TBA soon!)

Saturday, January 16th

[CSDS Dance](#) with Raleigh
Guest Pro, Robin Smith
7-8-11 pm

Saturday, January 23rd

[Cville Savoy](#)

7:30-8:30-10:30 pm

Saturday, January 23rd

[USA Dance C'ville](#)

Municipal Arts Center
7:15-8-10 pm

DANCE INSTRUCTION:

Visit the [CSDS website!](#)

[SWING SWAP](#) (Thursdays)

7:30-9 pm Open Dancing

[Murray High School Gym](#)

(Free for everyone!)

*Events are listed as a courtesy to their sponsors; all are subject to change or cancellation, esp. during inclement weather. Please contact the event sponsor, not CSDS, to confirm all details!

**January CSDS
Member Birthdays**

Pam Torrence (2nd)

Valerie Williams (7th)

Helena Lindholm (9th)

Ray Brumbelow (12th)

Chris Javor (15th)

Elaine Kraus (25th)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

**(\$5 Admission for Members
the Month of your Birthday)**

Dance Shoes Show & Tell Info. Session!

Adela Su and Tammy Davis are hosting a [dance shoes show and tell information session](#) to educate others about dance shoes and why investing in a pair can help your dancing! This will take place at the CSDS dance in the lobby, right after we break for Announcements (approx. 9:15 pm). We'll have a variety of dance shoes on hand to let you touch them and even try them on if you're a similar size, share our opinions and talk about their preferences. If you are an experienced dancer, man or woman, who would like to help out, please come; bring all of your dance shoes too if you can! We welcome everyone to donate any gently-used dance shoes you're no longer wearing to someone in need of a pair!

~ Swing Swap ~

Resumes January 7th

Jordan & Tatiana Retire from Classic

by Adela Su, Newsletter Editor

There was a collective gasp and then tears, all across the world, when we viewed [Jordan Frisbee and Tatiana Mollmann's performance](#) in the Classic division finals of the US Open Swing Dance Championships, over Thanksgiving weekend. What started out to be yet another incredible and captivating routine by the most influential WCS couple in the world ended up being the realization it was their final performance in Classic division. There was not a dry eye in the ballroom, I'm sure, nor in my own home, as the realization set in. What does this mean? Are they splitting up? Retiring from WCS all together, or just the Classic division? At the Awards Ceremony Sunday night, when they were crowned with their 11th win in the US Open Classic division, Jordan and Tatiana [let the world know](#) of their plans - they are just retiring from Classic and will remain dance partners and continue to travel/teach around the world. Tatiana later posted "We look forward to continuing our journey in the community within a new dynamic. Just so everyone knows, we will continue to do new routines yearly, along with many show pieces and ideas we have always wanted to create, when rules were not in the way!! We love this dance, we love you guys, and we can't wait to help grow WCS even more!!!" Whew!!

One of the greatest things about West Coast Swing is that *anyone* can participate, dance, at any age or level, with a partner who is also at any age or level; its a dance for everyone! What's also so cool is, unlike a sport like golf, where no, sorry, you are not going to get to know Tiger Woods, or hang out with him, or take a workshop with him at an event, or have him stay in your home when you host him for the weekend, WCS is a sport/hobby where we actually do get to know the pros. Go to events/workshops and you really will get to talk to them and get to know

Members, let us know if we've missed your birthday!

~ Dance Schedule ~ (2016)

January 16th ~ ICUMC

February 20th ~ ICUMC
March 19th ~ ICUMC
Board of Directors Election
April 16th ~ Location TBA,
Workshop Weekend with
Pro (TBA)
May 21st ~ MAC
June 18th ~ MAC
July 16th ~ MAC
August 20th ~ ICUMC
"Bring A Friend" Night
September 17th ~ ICUMC
October 15th ~ ICUMC
Halloween Dance
November 19th ~ ICUMC
December 17th ~ ICUMC
Holiday Dance

Admission:

- \$10 CSDS Members
- \$13 Non-Members
- \$5 Students (Full-Time with ID), First-Timers

Venues:

ICUMC: Ivy Creek United Methodist Church
[674 Woodlands Rd \(Rt. 676\)](#)
Charlottesville, VA 22901
MAC: Municipal Arts Center
[1119 Fifth Street SW](#)
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Time:

Lesson: 7-8 pm
Dance: 8-11 pm

Board of Directors & Helpers (2015/2016)

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them. I'm thankful for my friend, regional pro Robin Smith, who brings Jordan and Tatiana to Raleigh every year; I think 2016 will be the 11th year. Going to Raleigh each year for a workshop weekend with Jordan and Tat is how many of us have gotten to know them, in a much more relaxed atmosphere than your typical weekend event when they are scheduled to the max and focused on competing their routine and cannot socialize. At their Raleigh weekends, there are workshops during the day and social dancing at night and YES you can dance and talk with them!! Every year they express how much they enjoy being in Raleigh because it's a nice change of pace from their typical event weekend :-)

I'm awaiting the date of their 2016 workshop weekend and will publish that information as soon as it's available. If you have any desire to learn from the best WCS dancers and teachers in the world, I hope you will join me and a bunch of other C-ville Westies in Raleigh, in 2016.



Holiday Dance Review

Thanks to everyone who came to our Holiday Dance with Lesson Instructor and DJ Kristin Wenger, especially our dancers who traveled from afar to be with us! We enjoyed having Eddie's parents, Reidar and Sonja from Norway, and Vince from Chicago (Followers, you're welcome!) here to dance with us! We look forward to seeing everyone in 2016 at our January dance with guest pro/instructor Robin Smith from Raleigh. Happy New Year!



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Next BOD Meeting

Thursday, January 7th
6:30 pm, [email CSDS](#) for
meeting location.
Members Welcome!

~ Booty's Corner ~

Norway Does C'ville!

C'ville's retail economy has been experiencing a nice boost over the holidays, as Eddie's parents, Reidar and Sonja, are here visiting! They enjoyed going to West Side of Swing's dance in Richmond and then the CSDS holiday dance the following night. Reidar and Sonja are attempting to fill up their suitcases for the return trip home by shopping here where there prices are less expensive. They have greatly enjoyed meeting more of our friends this trip and have commented on how much caring, support and affection is apparent in our community.



Dance Resources

[DanceJamDC](#)

[World Swing Dance Council Events](#)

[Skippy Blair](#)

[Michael Kiehm's 10 Basic Concepts for Better Basics](#)

[Michael Kiehm's YouTube Tips](#)

[Custom Orthotics](#)



Here they are in front of York Place on the Downtown Mall, where Eddie works, under the Norwegian flag.



Bestie Kristin had us over for brunch; while we were there, we learned that the women's Norwegian Handball Team beat the Netherlands for the championship title which of course called for a toast! Skol!

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Upcoming Dance Events

Jan. 7-10: [Sweet Side of Swing](#) - Atlanta, GA

Jan. 15-17: [Austin Swing Dance Championships](#) - TX

Jan. 22-24: [Freedom Swing](#) - Philadelphia, PA

Jan. 28-31: [ESS Camp](#) - Newton, MA

Feb. 5-7: [Charlotte Westie Fest](#) - Charlotte, NC

Mar. 3-6: [MADjam](#) - Baltimore, MD

Apr. 28-May 1: [MidAtlantic Dance Classic](#) - Herndon, VA

Apr. 29-May 1: [Swing Dance America](#) - Milwaukee, WI

May 26-29: [Grand Nationals](#) - Atlanta, GA

Jun. 3-5: [Michigan Classic](#) - Dearborn, MI

Jun. 23-26: [Liberty Swing](#) - New Brunswick, NJ

Aug. 11-14: [Swing Fling](#) - Vienna, VA

[Adela](#) is often the Table/Group Dinner Organizer for events attended by "C-ville Westies" (and Central VA) dancers ~ if you're planning to go to any of these or other events, let her know! Also, if you have any interest in attending these events, reserve your hotel room ASAP as the event hotels usually sell out well in advance; you can always cancel it later. Don't wait until you decide to go to book your room; it will be too late!

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Interested in being a [member](#) of CSDS? It's only \$15/year (the equivalent of 4 Starbucks coffees!) and your dues help us continue to put on [monthly dances](#), workshops, [Swing Swap](#) (our FREE weekly dance practice) and gives you a \$3 discount at all of our dances!!

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